Essential Commodities Supplied to Bhutan

527. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of the Essential Commodities which were supplied to Bhutan under a Special quota System during the last three years along-with the price of each item;

(b) whether such items were supplied to any other country during the same period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (n) to (c) Information requested for is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Extradition of Former Union Carbide Chief

528. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI MENTAY PADMAN-BHAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 29th March, 1992 regarding a appeal to U. N. Chief for extradition of former Union Carbide Chief to India for trial in Gas leakage case;

(b) if so, what is the Government's response to these developments and whether Government would also use its good office for trial of Mr. Anderson, the former Union Carbide Corporation Chief; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof, and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under exami nation.

British Observation on Kashmir Issue

529. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTENAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Prime Minister John Major has said that Britain is not satisfied with Pakistan's assurance that Islamabad is offering only moral and political support to the Kashmiri and urged Pakistan Government to prevent Kashmiri militants operating from Pakistan controlled territory; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Govern-ment have seen reports to this effect.

(b) While Pakistan's exact response is not known, there has not, so far, been any let up in its support to terrorism and subversion in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir.

Implications of Open Skies Treaty

530. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: will the Minister, of, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an open skies treaty was recently signed by the heads of negotiating delegations of 21 countries, at Helsinki;

(b) If so, what are the implications of this open skies treaty;

(c) Whether Government of India has considered the expendiency of signing such an agreement on open skies plan on Sino-Indian and Indo-Pakistan borders; and

(d) if so, Government's thinking on this aspect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

The Open Skies Treaty signed on 24-3-92 has 24 countries from among

NATO and the former Warsaw Pact as the original signatories to the treaty. However, the Treaty will enter into force after ratification proceedings are completed.

(b) The Open Skies Treaty is considered to be an important confidence building measure that seeks to increase mutual understanding of military forces and activities, which ease tensions and enhance confidence and security among states parties.

(c) and (d) As of now, Government has no proposal to sign any agreement on "Open Skies" Plan on the Sino-Indian or Tndo-Pak borders.

India's Analysis of Pentagon Study on Golf War

531. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:, Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has examined and analysed the 1300 page Pentagon study on the Gulf War in the context of Pakistan's present agressive plans; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The original report is classified. An abridged unclassified version has been released. Govt, constantly monitor developments to safeguard India's security interests.

**2. *[Transfered to the 13th May,* 1992]

Bilateral Talks with Pakistan

533. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the next round of Indo-Pak official level talks which were scheduled to be held during the first half of current year would further be delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government of India are aware of the continued false propaganda being carried out by Pakistan abroad regarding Muslims in our country, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(dl whether there is any likelihood of Indian and Pakistani leaders finding a time for discussion on bilateral issues during the forthcoming Earth-Summit (UN Conference on Environment Development) to be held at Rio De Janerio in Brazil in June, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRT EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The sixth round of Foreign Secretary level talks are expected to be held soon. Prior to these talks, meetings are scheduled on the Tulbul Navigation Project, demarcation of boundary in the Sir Creek area and on chemical weapons. The dates for these talks are being worked out through diplomatic channels.

(c) Government are aware of Pakistan's motivated propaganda on this and other issues. Government's concern and regret at these unacceptable statements have been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan on a number of occasions. The international community has also been apprised of the hollowness and distorted nature of Pakis tani propaganda.

(d) Our Prime Minister would meet the Prime Minister of Pakistan on all appro priate occasions.

एशियाई अफ्रीकी और लेटिन (दक्षिण) अमरिका के देशों के आर्थिक विकास के लिए पहल

534. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार एशियाई, अफ्रीकी और दक्षिण अमरीकी देशों और विकासशील देशों के आर्थिक विकास के लिए कोई पहल कर रही है, और